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To: Legat, Mexico City (173-1)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861) — 5546

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Information has come to the Bureau's attention that James Earl Ray, while in Acapulco, Mexico, allegedly made a telephone call to Corpus Christi, Texas. It was also alleged that the Mexican police came to the hotel and had examined his registration card.

It is noted that investigation conducted by you established that Ray entered Mexico on October 7, 1967, at Nuevo Laredo and registered in Hotel San Francisco, Acapulco on October 10, 1967, as Eric S. Galt. According to the hotel manager, they were unable to locate the registration card on Ray and, therefore, a limited amount of information was obtained.

Legat, Mexico should contact the appropriate authorities to determine if such a telephone call was made and if the Mexican police examined the register.

1 - Memphis (44-1987) (for info)

1 - Foreign Liaison (Cleared through SA [redacted])

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NOTE:

William Bradford Huie, author, who has been writing series of articles concerning the life of James Earl Ray which appeared in "Look" magazine, was interviewed by Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee. It was learned during this interview that Huie claims that Ray told him he made a telephone call in Acapulco, Mexico, to Corpus Christi, Texas. According to Huie, Ray also stated that the Mexican police came to the hotel and examined his registration card.

We previously knew that Ray registered at the Hotel San Francisco in Acapulco, however, they could only provide us limited information as the registration records were destroyed. We are requesting Legat Mexico, through proper authorities, to conduct the appropriate investigation.